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SACRED HEART CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL & NURSERY

7th February 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Last Friday, the children had a fantastic time watching the pantomime Cinderella. They enjoyed joining in with the songs and laughing at the jokes. It was the perfect way to spend a January morning!

This week, we had a Year 6 Mass in school. The children read brilliantly, sang beautifully and the orchestra was an excellent accompaniment. Thank you to the staff, pupils and parents who joined us.

Next Friday, for Feeling Good Week, the pupils can wear bright colours to school.

Have a good weekend.

Mrs Smith

House Captains & Class Apostles

Over the last two weeks, the Class Apostles have been discussing with their classes what they feel is going well at school and what could be even better. Some of the things that the pupils feel are going well are:

- Learning new texts in English and new methods in Maths
- Mr Aston setting up sports activities at lunchtime
- Olympic and Paralympic values
- House Captains Monday Assemblies and Class Apostles Friday Assemblies

The House Captains and Class Apostles have decided that it would be even better if they were involved in more charity and fundraising activities. They are currently speaking to their classes about funding raising during Lent. We will keep you updated on their plans.

Feeling Good Week

We have a variety of activities next week for Feeling Good Week.

Monday – All classes from Reception up to Year 6 are having a yoga workshop
Year 5 are also having a 5 Ways to Wellbeing workshop

Tuesday – Internet Safety Assembly

Wednesday – Phase 1/2 Assembly to parents

Thursday – All classes from Nursery up to Year 2 are having a drama workshop
The House Captains are visiting each class delivering a Feeling Good Week PowerPoint presentation

Friday – Mufti Day – the pupils can wear bright colours

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Olympic & Paralympic Values

Now that the children have focused on all of the Olympic and Paralympic Values, they can receive stickers for any of the values. It is lovely to see how many stickers they have already gained on the charts in their classrooms.

Sports Achievements

Year 6 Sportshall Athletics – the boys team came 1st and the girls team came 2nd; both teams qualified for the Partnership finals

Year 4 Sportshall Athletics – the children came 3rd out of 12 teams

Penalty Shoot out – the children won 5 -3 and are through to the Quarter Final

Speed Stacking Partnership Final – the children came 5th in the Partnership Final



The children all performed fantastically and represented the school brilliantly. We are proud of them all. Well done.

Curriculum Letters

Curriculum letters for Phase 1/2, Phase 3/4 and Phase 5/6 were sent out this week. These will give you more information about what your child is learning in school.

5p Challenge

The 5p Challenge is an interclass competition to see who can fill their class bottle first with 5p coins. The bottles will be weighed and progress will be announced at school assemblies.

The winning class will receive £50 and will get to decide, along with their class teacher, what they would like to spend the money on for their class.

Gardening

Last Friday, Mrs Harrington and Mrs Haywood organised a gardening session over lunchtime.

Two pupils from each class helped them to tidy up outside around the school and plant bulbs in the pots outside the front of the school. It looks really fantastic. Thank you.



Attendance

The current whole school attendance is 95.83%. This term we are aiming to be over 96%.

The class with the highest attendance is Year 5/6 - Saint Padre Pio. Well done to them.

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Nursery 2020

Applying for a Nursery place for September 2020

The paragraph below is very important for all parents with pre-school children.

You will need to apply for a Nursery place if your child was born between 1st September 2016 and 31st August 2017.

Please complete the school's Nursery application form and return it with any supporting documents (details on application form, i.e., Baptism Certificate) to the school office.

Please note, you no longer need to apply online through County for a Nursery place.

A Nursery application form is obtainable from the school office and our school website, www.sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/admissions. Your Parish priest will need to complete the Certificate of Catholic Practice which is obtainable from your church. All forms must be completed and returned to the school office before admission can be considered.

Therefore, in order to apply for a nursery place, we must receive:

- Nursery application form
- Certificate of Catholic Practice (if applicable)
- Original Baptism Certificate (if applicable)
- Proof of address (i.e., utility bill)

The closing date is **Friday 14th February**. Please do not be late as this could jeopardise your child's place at Nursery.

You can make an appointment to view the school with Mrs Smith. If you would like to do this, please contact the school office and they will make an appointment for you.

If you need any further information or assistance please contact the school office, 01923 901179 or visit our website, www.sacredheart682.herts.sch.uk/admissions.

Pupil Premium Funding

In certain circumstances, schools are able to claim approximately £1,600 of extra funding per child for pupils whose parents are in receipt of various benefits. The criteria are the same as they would be for applying for 'free school meals' in KS2. The money can be used to support anything that improves a child's enjoyment, wellbeing, achievement or attainment at school. The funding could be used to pay for individual music tuition, 1:1 maths/literacy support, Breakfast Club and After School Club places, etc. If you think that you or your partner may be eligible to claim this extra money for your child, please speak to Mrs Pryke in the school office as soon as possible. All enquiries of this nature will be treated in strictest confidence. If you know you are entitled to Pupil Premium funding, you can apply directly using the following website:

www.hertsdirect.org/freeschoolmeals. Once successfully applied for, this funding will remain in place each year that your child is with us. Please note that this extra funding is available to all eligible children in school, from Nursery to Year 6.

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Any dates that are added or amended are highlighted in yellow.

Date	Event
Monday 10 th February – Friday 14 th February	Feeling Good Week
Tuesday 11 th February	Internet Safety Day
Wednesday 12 th February	Key Stage One (Years 1 and 2 pupils) Assembly in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Wednesday 12 th February	Parent Forum in school at 10:30am.
Friday 14 th February	Non-Uniform day. Pupils may wear bright coloured clothes to school
Friday 14 th February	Deadline to apply for a place in Nursery for September 2020
Monday 17 th February – Friday 21 st February	Half Term
Monday 24 th February	Children return to school
Wednesday 26 th February	Ash Wednesday Service in church at 9:15am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us. This week, Friday and Wednesday school dinners will swap – Wednesday roast will be on Friday and Friday Specials on Wednesday. The Infant children have their own Ash Wednesday Services in their classroom.
Friday 28 th February	Non-Uniform day. To celebrate St David's Day, the children may wear red, white and green clothes. We ask for a £1 donation towards the school funds via the School Gateway.
Friday 28 th February	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet, this will be in school.
Thursday 5 th March	World Book Day – the children may come to school dressed up as a character from a book or linked to an object from a book.
Monday 9 th March – this has changed	Nursery, Reception and Phase 1/2 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Reception and Years 1 and 2. This Parents' Evening will also include Nursery.
Tuesday 10 th March	Phase 3/4 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 3 and 4.
Thursday 12 th March	Phase 5/6 Parents' Evening from 2pm. This is for parents of children in Years 5 and 6.
Tuesday 17 th March	Non-Uniform day. To celebrate St Patrick's Day, the children may wear green, white and orange clothes. We ask for a £1 donation

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	towards the school funds via the School Gateway.
Tuesday 17 th March	Years 5, 5/6 and 6 Mothers' Day class assemblies in school from 9:15am. Parents are welcome to join us. Timings will be confirmed.
Wednesday 18 th March – Friday 20 th March	Year 5 Phasels Wood trip
Friday 20 th March	All classes from Nursery up to Year 4 - Mothers' Day class assemblies in school from 9:15am. Parents are welcome to join us. Timings will be confirmed.
Tuesday 24 th March	Phase 3/4 play in school at 9:30am. Parents and siblings below school age are welcome to join us. Siblings in school will have an opportunity to watch the play.
Wednesday 25 th March	Phase 3/4 play in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us. We ask for no siblings during this performance.
Friday 27 th March	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet this will be in school.
Wednesday 1 st April	Junior Lent Service in church at 10am for Years 3,4,5,6. Parents are welcome to join us – time has changed.
Wednesday 1 st April	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 3 rd April	End of term and Whole School Easter Bonnet Parade, school finishes at 1:15pm.

Summer Term 2020

Date	Event
Monday 20 th April	Children return to school
Thursday 23 rd April	Non-Uniform day. To celebrate St George's Day, the children may wear red and white clothes. We ask for a £1 donation towards the school funds, payable via School Gateway.
Friday 24 th April	Beginning of Term Mass in Church at 9:15am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are most welcome to join us. Year 4 pupils will lead the Mass.
Wednesday 29 th April	Manor Adventure Parents' Meeting at 5:30pm.
Friday 1 st May	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet, this will be in school.

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Wednesday 6 th May	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 8 th May	May Day Bank Holiday
Monday 11 th May – Thursday 14 th May	Year 6 Sats
Monday 18 th May – Thursday 21 st May	One World Week
Tuesday 19 th May	EYFS Assembly in school at 9:30am. Parents are welcome to join us.
Thursday 21 st May	Ascension Mass in Church at 9:15am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are welcome to join us. Year 3 pupils will lead the Mass.
Friday 22 nd May	Inset Day
Monday 25 th May – Friday 29 th May	Half Term
Monday 1 st June	Children return to school
Monday 1 st June – Friday 5 th June	Manor Adventure – Year 6 Residential Trip
Wednesday 3 rd June	Year 5 Year Group Mass in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Friday 5 th June	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet this will be in school.
Wednesday 10 th June	Phase 1/2 Mass – 9:15am in church. Parents are welcome to join us in church. After Mass there will be an opportunity for parents to come back to school and look at their child's work with them in class.
Wednesday 17 th June	Parent Forum in school at 9:15am.
Friday 19 th June	Sacred Heart Feast Day Mass at 9:15am for Years 1 – 6. Parents are welcome to join us. Year 1 and 2 pupils will lead the Mass.
Thursday 25 th June	Infant Sports Day at 9:15am Junior Sports Day at 1:30pm Parents are welcome to join us. Children wear their PE kit with a coloured t-shirt to match their house. Matthew - Yellow, Mark - Red, Luke - Green and John - Blue
Friday 26 th June	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet, this will be in school.

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Wednesday 1st July	Phase 3/4 Mass – 9:15am in church. Parents are welcome to join us in church. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for parents to come back to school and look at their child's work with them in class.
Monday 6 th July	Year 5/6 Production in school at 6pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 7 th July	Year 5/6 Production in school at 2pm. Parents are welcome to join us.
Tuesday 14 th July	Nursery trip to the allotments.
Tuesday 14 th July	Year 6 Leavers' Mass in Church at 7pm.
Wednesday 15 th July	Second hand school uniform will be sold after school. Weather permitting this will be by the bike shed. If the weather is wet, this will be in school.
Thursday 16 th July	End of Term and whole school picnic, school finishes at 1:15pm
Friday 17 th July Monday 20 th July Tuesday 21 st July	Inset Day Inset Day Inset Day

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Term Dates 2020-2021

Autumn Term 2020

Date	Event
Wednesday 2 nd September	Inset Day
Thursday 3 rd September	First Day of term for pupils
Monday 26 th October – 30 th October	Half Term
Monday 2 nd November	Pupils back in school
Friday 27 th November	Occasional Day – school is closed
Friday 18 th December	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 21 st – Friday 1 st January	Christmas Holidays

Spring Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 4 th January	First Day of term for pupils
Monday 15 th February – Friday 19 th February	Half Term
Monday 22 nd February	Pupils back in school
Friday 26 th March	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm
Monday 29 th March – Friday 9 th April	Easter Holidays

Summer Term 2021

Date	Event
Monday 12 th April	First Day of term for pupils
Monday 3 rd May	May Day Bank Holiday – school is closed
Monday 31 st May – Friday 4 th June	Half Term
Monday 7 th June	Inset Day
Tuesday 8 th June	Pupils back in school
Thursday 15 th July	Last Day of Term – school finishes at 1:15pm